

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of microparticles hydrophobized with fluorosilanes or siloxanes~~ A method for producing surfaces which have self-cleaning properties and a surface structure with elevations which are formed by the microparticles, the surfaces produced having not only self-cleaning properties but also oleophobic, lipophobic and lactophobic properties,

~~characterized in that~~ the method comprising:

hydrophobizing microparticles with fluorosilanes or fluorosiloxanes to form a surface structure, the surface structure ~~formed by the microparticles has~~ having elevations with a mean height of from 20 nm to 25 μ m and a mean separation of from 20 nm to 25 μ m, the microparticles having a particle diameter of from 0.02 to 100 μ m and having been hydrophobized with fluoroalkylalkoxysilanes.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~The use~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the microparticles are pyrogenic silica or precipitated silica particles hydrophobized with fluoroalkylalkoxysilanes.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~The use~~ The method as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the surfaces are the surfaces of textiles, advertising media, awning materials, covering films, industrial nonwovens, items of clothing, outdoor clothing, rainwear, workwear, children's clothing, protective clothing, semifinished products, films or articles made of plastic.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An article with at least one surface with self-cleaning, hydrophobic, lipophobic, oleophobic and lactophobic properties, ~~characterized in that they have been~~ wherein the article is coated with the hydrophobized microparticles of ~~claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The article as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the article is a textile, an advertising medium, an awning material, a covering film, an industrial nonwoven, an item of clothing, an outdoor clothing, a rainwear, a workwear, a children's clothing, a protective clothing, a semifinished product, a film or an article made of plastic.